CHESTERTON SAYS IRISH LOST ON GIBBS

Novelist Surprised at Sinn Finn Attack, as Sir Philip

Travelled All Over as Racer in talk of putting his "Fether Brown"

Would in Box Car, but Sees detective stories on the screen. He is to sail for home about April 12. Considerable to Admire.

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ago I should have regarded as impossible. In England Chicago seems to be regarded as rather unattractive, but to me it was most interesting, especially the boulevard along the lake, and naturally I was pleased to fall in with a club in Chicago called the Medievalists.

He was asked if he noted anything wrong with America.

"Well," he said, "nothing except what is wrong of industrial society generally. If I were to tell just what I think of Pittsburgh, which perhaps would not be an unsuffled flood of praise, it would be only what I also think about our own Birminghsm. But perhaps Oklahoma will not become too Pittsburghian."

Mrs. Chesterton travelled with her husband. He regards as singular, although interesting, the custom, noted in Madison and other places, of the club women of the city taking his wife off some place while the men took him to another. On the train—whose Pullman cars he found not at all uncomfortable—he read many American magazines. He deems them and American short stories to be on a relatively higher level than American novels, compared with the levels of English magazines and novels. He has read one-half of "Main Street" and I aments its "regrettable lack of murders." He has, he said, "reviewed H. G. Wellis's history several times, and I have even read it."

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undemocratic thing the world ever saw. How curious that a country that started with the Declaration of Independence hould be saddled with industrialism. The writers of the Declaration were essentially agricultural.

"Jefferson I think of as something like an English squire. It is horrible irony that at a time when we are trying in the ideal sense to believe that all men are equal citizens we are also entangled in this complicated industrialism, which seems to me to strangle democracy. I should say that the peasant part of American democracy is successful. The small landholders are the great makeweights that carry this country along. If left to the large industrial

great makeweights that carry this country along. If left to the large industrial titles this country would be as badly off as England, where the same system exists, and we haven't even a crude and half developée peasantry.

"I was struck not only by the fact," he went on, "that there is a great deal of sympathy in America for the Irish, but the fact that there is also a great deal of feeling against the Irish. The English people seem to think that the Irish who lave gone to America are pathetic exiles in rags, wandering along the seasiore, whereas they are really pathetic exiles in rags, wandering along the seashore, whereas they are really running Tammany Hail. The Americans know that the Irlsh can really get something done, for they see great gangs of them operating in politics and a goood many of them getting rich. It was surprising, by the way, that the Irlsh got after Sir Philip Gibbs when he lectured in New York. I thought it was well known that Pailip Gibbs had no sympathy with the British policy toward Ireland. Perhaps it was his title that offended."

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1 had considerable opportunity to observe its not working, but have had nothing to say in criticism either May. I'm against prohibition on principle, but do not wish to behave in your country as Mr. Pussyfoot Johnson behaved in mine."

Gaposes British Policy.

"I felt," he remarked. "like a race horse being hauled about in a box car, if I may be permitted to compare myself with so useful and elegant an animal."

He is to lecture to-night in the Apollo Theatre. This week he will do as he pleases. He has a yearning to see notion pictures and will graffy it. There tank of putting his "Esther Brown"

DRAFT OF LAND LOAN BILL IS DISCUSSED

American part of G. K. Chesterton's Citizens' Committee Outlines Proposed Legislation.

American part of G. K. Chesterton's memory is that of the astronomer hemet in Oklahoma. City, from which farthest point in his rambles the British observer returned to New York yesterday.

"Am any with stars and moons on his coat, quite unusually plastered with medals, came up to me." said Mr. Chesterton, "and the was an astronomer. I thought full me was an astronomer. I thought the death of the substitute of the build of the substitute has a don't have been recovered with the waster and the Mayor looked after the city, and fusshed before my eyes a feaming shield which I took to be the hadge of a detective. He was admirable. I said to him, "If I commit a murder I'll let you know," 'Oh, no, he replied, 'we never expect those things from members of the Upper Ten.' What a fascinating combination—detective and astronomer.

Mr. Chesterton has revolved so swiftly and in such a grenorous orbit on his lecture tour that he is not quite certain where he has been. He is sure that he visited Chicago, Detroit, Madison, Wis, and Okiahoma City and that Americans everywhere precived him most kindly and, indeed, as a rule followed his talks with better comprehension than some of his English audiences have done.

"Oklahoma," he said, "is unlike anything I had seen before. There was so much excitement about everything being recent.' It was interesting and agreeable to find people who were proud of having lived in a community only three minutes. I was told of a great number of things that can be controlled by merely passing a law. If you don't like to have anybody whistling outside your gate you just pass a law that people who whistle outside your gate shall be hanged. The simpletty of this I found really delightful."

Of his trip and American impressions generally he had this to say.

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THE WEATHER.

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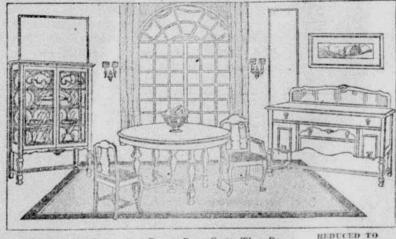


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